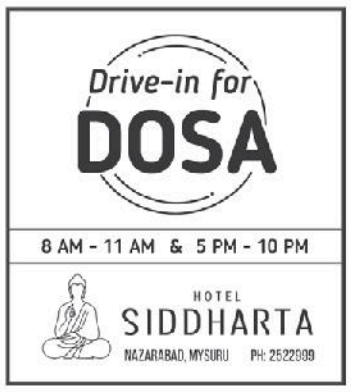

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MUDA's Rs. 129.76 cr. surplus budget

437 acres of land to be acquired at Udbur-Daripura, Bommenahalli and Vajamangala to form 7,676 sites

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) presented a surplus budget of Rs. 129.76 crore for 2022-2023. The Budget was read out by MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh in the Budget Meeting chaired by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev in the presence of MUDA members this morning.

The MUDA plans to mop up resources from various sources for 2022-2023 and this has been estimated at Rs. 1,821.43 crore and an expenditure of Rs. 1,691.67 crore. Several projects announced by the MUDA during the financial year 2021-2022 are under implementation and in all,

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh presenting the MUDA budget at the MUDA Hall in city this morning. MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and other MUDA members were present.

189 works have been taken up with a grant of Rs. 490.57 crore in 2021-2022.

Joint development of layouts

Among various development programmes announced in the budget, the prominent one is the joint development of layouts after land acquisition in the 50:50 ratio — 50 percent for the landowners and 50 percent for MUDA. Over 600 acres will be acquired and Rs. 50 crore has been earmarked for this. Layouts will be developed at Udbur-Daripura (145 acres where 2,500 sites can be formed), Bommenahalli (160 acres where 2,800 sites can be formed) and Vajamangala (132 acres where 2,376 sites can be formed).

In the above three places, MUDA is planning to acquire 437 acres and form 7,676 sites and Rs. 262 crore has been set aside. In the present budget, Rs. 60 crore has been earmarked for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and also to provide basic facilities in the layouts after the land is acquired.

(See MUDA on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 31st March 2022

Tarun, Shreya to take part in 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' tomorrow

Narendra Modi

Tarun *Shreya*

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (RK, SBD& BCT)- Two students from Mysuru and Chamarajanagar are among the 40 students, studying in Class 10 and 12 and are appearing for this year's Board examinations, who will be participating in the fifth edition of "Pariksha Pe Charcha" (PPC) that will be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi tomorrow (Apr. 1) at 11 am.

M.B. Tarun, a first PUC student of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Mysuru and Shreya, a ninth standard student of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Chamarajanagar are taking part in the event. This year, the "Pariksha Pe Charcha" event will be held at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

While Tarun will represent Mysuru in the interaction, Shreya will participate in the event virtually from her school where she will speak on digital interaction in conducting classes.

The event is being organised for the last four years by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. The first three editions of PPC were held in New Delhi in an interactive town-hall format. The fourth edition was held online on April 7 last year.

The Prime Minister will respond to questions related to examination stress and related areas posed by the students in the live programme. In a press release circulated to the Department of Information and Public Relations' Office in Mysuru, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the PPC will be streamed not only in India but also in other countries.

Students, teachers and parents who will get to ask questions to the Prime Minister have been shortlisted on the basis of an online creative writing competition on a bouquet of themes.

The competition was organised from Dec. 28 to Feb. 3 through MyGov platform. Participants selected through competitions on MyGov will be presented with a certificate of appreciation and a special "Pariksha Pe Charcha kit" consisting of Exam Warriors books written by the Prime Minister, he said.

"Pariksha Pe Charcha is interactive, light hearted and gives us all the opportunity to talk about different aspects of exams, studies, life and more..." the PM said in a tweet. "Let's talk about stress free exams yet again! Calling upon the dynamic #ExamWarriors, their parents and teachers to join this year's Pariksha Pe Charcha on the 1st of April," Modi said in another tweet.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The first step towards being spiritual is to be soul-conscious and be free from all limitations and bondage of the physical world. A spiritual being is aware of his/her real identity of being a soul and a child of the Supreme Soul and is aware of one's true nature of being peaceful, pure, blissful and loveful. When we play our worldly roles with this awareness, we live a truly spiritual life.

We begin to see everyone as a soul, and instead of creating karmic bondages in relationships, we begin to empower each other and remain detached and loving. Such a person will see everyone as a soul; be loveful to every person in this world regardless of one's religion, country, gender and other physical traits. When we understand the above definition of a real spiritual being, we become spiritually awakened and get directly connected to the Supreme Being who would lead us to the path of self-transformation which would further lead to world transformation. So, let's embark on this journey of becoming a 'Spiritual Being' through self-realisation and introspection.

— Brahmakumar Nikunj in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Mystery football pitch spotted on remote island

Oslo: A football pitch nestled in breathtaking wilderness has been captured on a remote Norwegian island. The secluded pitch has been captured deep in the Scandinavian wilderness in breathtaking photos.

Drone footage reveals the hidden footballing gem, in northern Europe, stashed away in a fishing village in Norway. Ivan Pedretti was visiting Henningsvær, a settlement on the edge of the Lofoten archipelago in the country.

Some may head to the village for snaps of nature, or the breathtaking scenery and idyllic houses tucked away besides sea and mountains alike; he instead got pictures of one of the world's most unique football pitches.

The stadium, not far from the arctic circle is infamous for its beautiful scenery and unique surroundings. The small town is home to around 25,000 people.

World's longest car measuring 100 ft. restored

New Jersey: The world's longest car measuring 100 ft. broke its own record after it was restored. It is now officially measured at 100 feet and 1.5 inches.

In 1986, the car was originally built by car customiser Jay Ohrberg in California's Burbank, as per Guinness World Records. It measured around 60 feet and after few modifications, the car has been extended by 30.5 metres. This car is based on 1976 Cadillac Eldorado limousines and can be driven from both ends.

The vehicle can fit more than 75 people. It has a mini-golf course, helipad, swimming pool, etc. The vehicle made numerous appearances in film before eventually ending up in a New Jersey warehouse, where it sat for several years.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Proper washroom habits along with adequate fluid intake and high fibre in diet has major impact in preventing anal fissures and piles.

By Dr. Sreeharsha M V - Consultant - General Surgery
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Free training in bakery and confectionery

Mysuru, Mar.31 (SSM) - Food Craft Institute, Mysuru, in association with the Department of Tourism under the Skill Development Training Programme, has organised a free training in bakery and confectionery for candidates who aspire to start their own business.

The training will be provided for six weeks. Candidates aged between 18 and 35 years with a pass in 8th standard are eligible to apply. Afternoon lunch, uniform and learning materials will be provided free to the candidates. Successful candidates will be given a certificate and placement assistance will be provided to get employed in prestigious hotels with a monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000.

Applications in prescribed format with five recent photographs, copies of SSLC marks card, Aadhaar and bank account details should be submitted. The training will be provided at Food Craft Institute, Kannada Karanji Building, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, in city. For details call Ph: 0821-2445388 or 2974388 or Mob: 63620-18821, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***The Solar System was formed 4.6 billion years ago from a cloud of gas and dust called the solar nebula.***
- ***A shock wave from a nearby supernova (big star) explosion probably started it.***
- ***The Sun formed in the centre and the planets formed around it.***
- ***All planets and the Sun in the Solar System are shaped like balls.***
- ***Once upon a time people thought the Earth was flat. We now know, and can prove through satellite pictures, that it is a sphere.***
- ***All planets, as well as the Sun, are balls too.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dentist: *"You need a crown."*

Patient: *"Finally, someone who understands me!!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.73
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.62
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.48

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	MARCH 29	MARCH 30
Day's Positive Cases	1	0
Total Positive Cases	2,29,455	2,29,455
Day's Discharges	1	1
Total Discharges	2,26,889	2,26,890
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,558	2,558
Total Active Cases	8	7

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Residents unhappy with liquor shops on Alanahalli Ring Road

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of authorities the difficulty being faced by people living and travelling around Alanahalli region, particularly the Ring Road stretch between Devegowda Circle and T. Narasipur Circle (the distance between the Circles is just around a km or so).

There are at least 7 to 8 liquor shops with bar and restaurant facilities. Even though there is a law clearly banning liquor shops on highways, I wonder how the Government officials granted licences for liquor shops and bars on the Ring Road.

The liquor shops are bustling with customers drinking and then driving along the stretch. I sincerely request the respective authorities to take stock of the situation so that they can see the reality themselves.

People living around the area are from all ages — children, adults and senior citizens. It has become difficult to cross the road from Alanahalli towards residential areas during night as people are driving at crazy speeds after consuming alcohol.

Neither there are any Traffic Police checking for drunken driving nor any regulations, despite many accidents along this stretch of Ring Road due to drunken driving. Hapless people are left at the mercy of drunken drivers.

Once again I sincerely beg the officials to take necessary action to shift the liquor shops on the entire stretch, help to prevent road accidents and save people's lives.

—Vignesh
on e-mail
Vasanthanagar, Alanahalli
27.3.2022

A stinky situation on Sayyaji Rao Road

Mysuru, Mar. 31- It is a common sight to see sewage water overflowing on lanes and roads at extensions in city. Imagine sewage water flowing on the prestigious 'Raja Marga' (Sayyaji Rao Road) and that is said to be happening frequently with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials remaining silent.

A blocked UGD has resulted in the sewage water overflowing from the manhole on the road in front of *Raghulal and Co.* this morning forcing people to cover their nose while passing on Sayyaji Rao Road and its cross road either to visit other shops or to purchase medicines. The public are forced to bear the stink and in turn, they curse the civic authorities for their apathy and move on.

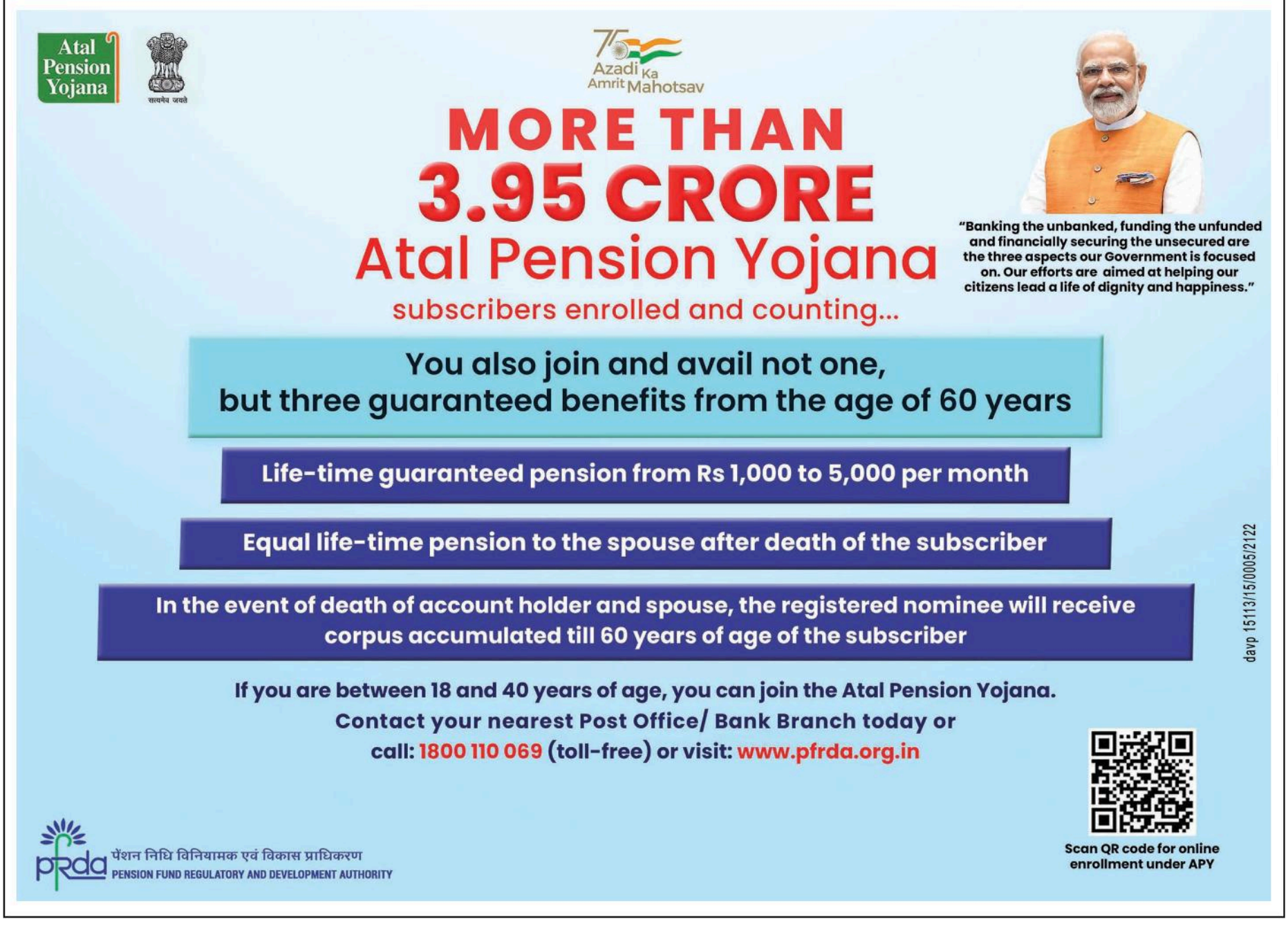
Every time a complaint is lodged, the civic authorities initiate repair works only after a few days with the problem recurring again and again.

The civic body harps on cleanliness campaigns but remains silent when dirty water flows on 'Raja Marga.'

Lecture on 'Organic Farming and Food Security' at Elders' Council

Mysuru, Mar. 31- The Elder Citizens Council, Mysuru, will hold its monthly lecture programme at the Council's Samudaya Bhavana in Jayalakshmipuram on Apr. 4 at 5 pm.

Dr. C. L. Lakshmipathy Gowda, Retired Deputy Director General, Research, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, will address the members on the topic "Organic Agriculture for Future Food Security and Sustainability." Krishnappa Gowda, President of the Council, will preside. For details contact Mob: 94489-79349.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NEWS BRIEFS

Auction of mango & cashew crops

The Horticulture Department has proposed to auction Mango and Cashew crops coming under the Department's jurisdiction, for a one-year period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2022, for which it has invited tenders. The interested parties can obtain the prescribed tender form from the Horticulture Department Office from Mar. 28 to Apr. 7, upon payment of Rs. 25. All the sealed tenders received will be opened publicly during the open auction to take place at the Department Office at 11.30 am on Apr. 7, according to a press release.

Old vehicles' spare parts

Old tyres, tubes and other spare parts of old vehicles belonging to the office of the Karnataka Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP), will be auctioned at Mysuru Lokayukta Office premises on Apr. 4 at 11 am. Interested may visit the Lokayukta Office and see the spare parts kept for auction. For details call Ph: 0821-2957494, according to a press release.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised 'Kathe Kelona Banni - 717' at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar in city on Apr. 2 (Saturday) between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. K.S. Anitha, Teacher, Royal Concord International School, Mysuru, will narrate stories to children. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	106.30 feet
Yesterday	:	106.50 feet
Inflow	:	440 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,242 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,268.93 feet
Inflow	:	307 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,200 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,848.65 feet
Inflow	:	44 cusecs
Outflow	:	40 cusecs

DDPI calls on Anushree's family,

hands over compensation cheque to parents

Anushree

T. Narasipur, Mar. 31 (SK& TRR) - Ramachandraraje Urs, Deputy Director of Public Instructions (DDPI), Mysuru, yesterday called on the grieving parents of Anushree, an SSLC student who collapsed and died at the Exam Centre in the taluk on Monday, and handed over a compensation cheque for Rs. 1 lakh.

DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs handing over compensation cheque to Anushree's parents in the presence of family members at Akkur village in T. Narasipur yesterday as others look on.

It may be recalled that Anushree (16), a student of Government High School at Madapura village in T. Narasipur, who was to take up her exam at Vidyodaya PU College in the town, went to Shivananda Sharma English Medium School, adjacent to Vidyodaya PU College due to confusion.

She is said to have written the exam there for about 15 minutes but when the invigilator checked her Hall Ticket, it came to be known that Anushree was supposed to write her exams at Vidyodaya PU College centre. Following this, invigilator took Anushree to Vidyodaya PU College but she collapsed while climbing the steps and was rushed to the Government Hospital, where the doctors declared her 'dead on arrival.'

The DDPI visited the residence of Anushree, daughter of Kemparaju, a resident of Akkur village in the taluk, on behalf of the Government along with Education Officer Mariswamy and other officials and offered his condolences.

Speaking after handing over the cheque, Ramachandraraje Urs said that it was an unfortunate incident. Consoling the family members, he appealed them to focus on the education of Anushree's brother and also assured of more help.

Education Minister's assurance

Meanwhile, DDPI contacted Education Minister B.C. Nagesh over phone and asked family members of Anushree to speak with him. They sought help from the Education Minister saying that they are poor people and with great difficulty were providing education to their daughter.

The Minister assured all possible help from the State Government and asked them to be brave and provide good education to their son and said that Anushree's death has brought sorrow to him also.

Madapura School Head Master Malangi Suresh, teachers Chitra and Vishalakshi, Government Employees Association President Shivashankaramurthy, District Treasurer Mahadevu, Primary School Teachers Association President Madappa, Lokesh and others were present on the occasion.

MLC demands Rs. 15 lakh compensation

Meanwhile, MLC C.N. Manjegowda has urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to pay a compensation of Rs. 15 lakh to the family of Anushree. He was speaking at the State Legislative Council on Wednesday.

Stating that it is not enough to pay a compensation of just Rs. 1 lakh, he pointed out that in many incidents the Government has paid compensations of Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh.

It is condemnable that a student who died at the examination centre is given just Rs. 1 lakh by the Education Department, he said and demanded that at least Rs. 15 lakh be paid as compensation to Anushree's parents, who are poor.

Widening of Male Mahadeshwara Road from Gopala Gowda Hospital Circle to old Milk Dairy

MCC Commissioner conducts spot inspection following former Mayor Sandesh Swamy's appeal

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (PM&KS)- Following an appeal from former Mayor Sandesh Swamy to widen Male Mahadeshwara Road from Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital Circle (Nazarbad Police Station Circle) up to the old Milk Dairy, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy conducted a spot inspection on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the former Mayor explained the MCC Commissioner and Superintending Engineer about the condition of the road and problems faced by the motorists. He told them as the road is very narrow, frequent accidents were taking place and urged the MCC Chief to take steps to widen the road at the earliest.

Speaking to media persons, Sandesh Swamy said that more than 10,000 to 15,000 vehicles pass on this road daily. "As the road is very narrow and also in a bad condition, two to three fatal accidents take place every year and many had sustained injuries. This road needs to be widened and developed immediately and hence I had appealed to the MCC Commissioner in this regard following which a spot inspection was conducted," he added.

This road has been widened and developed by the PWD from the Ring Road junction till the old Milk Dairy. But due to problems in land acquisition process the widening works from Old Milk Dairy till Gopala Gowda Hospital Circle was not taken up. Except for one or two places, there is no problem for land acquisition now, Sandesh Swamy said.

The former Mayor said that the MCC Commissioner has assured of taking up the road widening works soon and added that he has also appealed to the District Minister and the Mayor to initiate the road widening works and prevent fatal accidents from taking place.

Hands-on training in critical care to take on fourth wave

Two-day workshop at District Hospital on Emergency and Critical Care Mentoring

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (PM&BCT)- China's decision to impose fresh lockdowns has sent worrying signals to India amid intense speculations about a possible fourth wave of the Coronavirus hitting the country in the days to come.

Though the COVID-19 situation in India remains fully under control with a sharp decline in new and active cases, experts have warned about the fourth wave around mid-June. They have cautioned against lowering the guard and have pressed for continuous monitoring of local level epidemiology, continuous genomic sequencing to identify any new variants of interest and concerns.

In this direction, a two-day workshop 'Emergency and Critical Care Mentoring' was organised for doctors, healthcare providers and support staff of the Mysuru District Hospital to better equip them to deal with any emergency situations where decisiveness plays a key role. The workshop demonstrated treatment methods to be taken by the doctors during critical care.

The training programme was organised on Mar. 29 and Mar. 30 by the Health and Family Welfare Department in association with Care India. The training was provided on maintaining a critical care ICU, ventilators and also to provide critical care during emergencies. In all, 15 doctors, 25 nurses and caregivers and over 30 technicians have been trained.

Training team from Bengaluru

The training was provided under the leadership Dr. Basavaraj Kuntoji, Consultant Physician and Intensivist of Manipal Hospital and Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Bengaluru. Others in the team were Dr. Balakrishna, Dr. Abrar, Dr. Senthil, Dr. Ankit and ICU-trained staff Santhosh and Satish.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. N.I. Nayaz Pasha, Resident Doctor of the District Hospital, said that the advanced ICU training programme was conducted as part of the District Administration's capacity-building measures to deal with the fourth wave of the pandemic.

ICU management and SOPs

"ICU management in general, hands-on training in critical care, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and operation of various equipment were taught. The participants were taught how to recognise the changes in patients' conditions and tackle each situation," he said.

Topics like infection control practice and bio-medical waste management were explained in the context of Coronavirus. The participants have been trained to handle all possible emergencies that are to sustain the patient's life.

Ventilator management

Ventilator management too was taught in detail with hands-on training and technicians spoke on how to operate the machines. "Training was provided on safety protocol for health workers like wearing the personal protective equipment," he added.

Similar training will be provided to other doctors of different hospitals in Mysuru and a team will be formed at the District Hospital for the same. The challenge is to train enough doctors and nurses to work in an ICU.

"The need of the hour is to leverage technology. Short-term training programmes are conducted for doctors and nurses to deal with this emergency. Such training will also help in treating non-COVID patients. Other aspects of the training were minimising the side-effects of medicines, communicating with the relatives of patients and measures to be taken before declaring a patient dead," said District Surgeon Dr. H.R. Rajeshwari Devi.

Sri Satyatmateertha Vardhanti Utsava events

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (BNR)- As part of Sri Satyasantushta Theertha Aradhana Mahotsava, Sriman Madhwacharya Mula Mahasamsthana Uttaradi Mathadheesha Sri Satyatmateertha Vardhanti Utsava, the following programmes will be held at Sri Uttaradi Mutt in Fort Mohalla (near Agrahara) from March 31 to April 4:

Mar. 31: 5 pm - Purnakumbha Welcome to Sri Satyatmateertha from Sri Varahaswamy Temple in Palace premises to Agrahara Uttaradi Mutt; 6 pm - Daasara Pada recital by well-known singer Pt. Jayatheertha Mevundi; 7 pm - Special discourse by Sri Satyatmateertha.

April 1: Sri Satyasantushta Theerthara Aradhane. Panchamruta Abhisheka and special puja to main Vrindavana; 9 am - Mudra Dharane to devotees; 10 am - Samsthana Puja by Sri Satyatmateertha; 6 pm - Discourse by Pandits; 6.30 pm - Cultural programmes; 7 pm - Special discourse by Sri Satyatmateertha.

April 2: Ugadi celebrations. 5 am - Offering oil to Sri Moola Ramadevaru and Gurus. 6.30 am - Distribution of oil to devotees; 8.30 am - Phala Panchamruta Abhisheka to Dhanvantari Devaru; 9 am - Mudra Dharane to devotees.

Sri Satyatmateertha

As part of 50th Vardhanti of Sri Satyatmateertha, Sri Dhanvantari Mahayaga, Samsthana Puja by Sri Satyatmateertha. Offering of silver palanquin and golden eye to Sri Dhanvantari; 1 pm - Theertha-Prasada distribution; 6 pm - Discourse by Pandits; 6.30 pm - Cultural programmes; 7 pm - Special discourse by Sri Satyatmateertha.

April 3: 9 am - Mudra Dharane to devotees by Sri Satyatmateertha; 6.30 pm - Cultural programmes - Dasavani by Vid. V.V. Prasanna; 7 pm - Special discourse by Sri Satyatmateertha.

April 4: 9 am - Mudra Dharane to devotees by Sri Satyatmateertha; 6.30 pm - Cultural programmes; 7 pm - Special discourse by Sri Satyatmateertha.

For details, contact Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi on Mob: 94481-47459, according to a press release.

Telugu Samskruthika Samithi to celebrate Ugadi festival

Mysuru, Mar. 31- Telugu Samskruthika Samithi, Mysuru, will celebrate Ugadi festival on Apr.2 at 6 pm at the Samithi's 'PD Reddy Telugu Bhavanam,' 2nd Cross, I Block Ramakrishnanagar. The Samithi has planned cultural programmes like Panchanga Shravanam, Telugu folk songs and dances by the members, Telugu quiz, felicitating SSLC and PUC rank holders. For details, contact Mob:94803-87626, according to DVSN Srinivasa Rao, Secretary, Telugu Samskruthika Samithi.

Phone-in prog. on "Autism & Sensory Integration"

Mysuru, Mar. 31 - All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, has organised a Facebook live Phone-in programme on Apr.1 between 2 pm and 3 pm on the topic "Autism and Sensory Integration."

Every year 2nd April is celebrated as World Autism Awareness Day. As a part of World Autism Awareness Day-2022 with the theme "Leave No One Behind", this live phone-in programme will focus on creating awareness and acceptance about Autism, support services for individuals with Autism through various therapies, especially sensory integration therapy, and inclusion in education and workplace. Also a mother of an adult with autism will share her journey of 25 years with various professionals in seeking support services.

The Resource Persons are: Dr. Kadambari Naniwadekar, Special Educator, Department of Special Education, AIISH; Dr. Ullasini J. Arun, Dietician (Consultant), Department of Clinical Services, AIISH; K. Barathi, Occupational Therapist (Outsourced), Department of Clinical Services, AIISH; Moderator and Overall Programme Co-ordinator: Dr. Jayashree C. Shanbal, Chairperson, Autism Spectrum Disorders Unit, AIISH. Those interested in this live phone-in programme may contact Ph: 0821-2502530.

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Confusion over party leadership

in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment will end soon: Nikhil Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MK&DM)- Maintaining that the confusions over the party leadership in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment of the city that has arose since the past couple of years would end soon, State JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy said that the party top brass will decide on the party's choice for the seat in the Assembly polls.

Addressing the party's youth convention at a Community Hall in Hootagalli here on Tuesday, Nikhil, son of former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, said that the party leaders need not feel that they are alone. Asserting that the State leadership will be with the party leaders of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, he said that anything may happen in politics any time. Noting that State politics may witness many twists and turns in the coming days, he appealed the party workers to stay calm and wait for good days to come.

Maintaining that he has decided not to talk personally about anyone, he appealed the party workers to do the same.

Referring to his contest in the Assembly polls, Nikhil said that it is not important from which Constituency he would contest. The party leaders and workers must strive hard to ensure that the candidate fielded by the party in every Assembly segment, wins the polls.

Accusing the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress of engaging in vote bank politics, he also charged them of dividing the society on caste and communal lines. Asserting that the JD(S) was engaged in issue-based politics, he termed the party as a party of farmers and all Kannadigas.

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress party's just concluded Mekedatu Pada- yatra, Nikhil said that the JD(S) would launch its 'Jaladhaare' march on Apr. 9 in order to press for speedy implementation of all drinking water schemes in the State.

The party workers demanded that Nikhil contest from Chamundeshwari, to which the youth leader said he was here to end confusions in the Assembly segment and to gear up the party functionaries ahead of the Assembly polls, which are due in a year.

Sandeep Siddegowda took charge as the new JD(S) Youth Wing President of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment on the occasion.

JD(S) District President Narasimhamurthy, leaders Kempanayaka, Beerihundi Basavanna, Gangadhargowda, S. Siddegwoda, Madegowda, M.J. Ravikumar, Somashekar, Rajeshwari Somu, Corporators S.B.M. Manju, M.S. Shobha, Prema Shankaregowda and a host of other leaders were present.

MAA Utsav-2022 to feature day-long events on Apr. 9

Senior alumni and achievers to be felicitated during the celebrations

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&SSM)- Mysore Medical College Alumni Association (MAA), Mysuru, will be holding one-day Annual MAA Utsav-2022 at the Platinum Jubilee Hall in J.K. Grounds here on Apr. 9.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, MAA President Dr. B.N. Anandaravi said, "MAA Utsav is happening after a year gap. The annual Utsav could not be held last year due to the rise in COVID cases in the district. All the alumni of the Association were busy treating patients. This year, though it is a one-day programme, MAA Utsav will have various interesting events. Also, various health-related issues will be discussed."

"Scientific programme followed by MAA Oration, Presidential Oration, seminars, discussions, Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and Association Office-bearer's election for 2022-2024 will be held in the morning. The Scientific Programme will be inaugurated by former Medical Education Director Dr. R. Seethalakshmi at 10 am on Apr. 9. Scientific Committee Chairman Dr. G. Marulasiddappa, MAA Secretary Dr. P. Malegowda, Treasurer Dr. H.B. Shashidhar will be present," he said.

Stating that the first Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS)-Bengaluru Dr. Kantha S. Jadhav will inaugurate the Dining Hall at the venue at 5.15 pm, Anandaravi said: "The stage programme and cultural programme will be inaugurated by RGUHS VC Dr. M.K. Ramesh at 5.30 pm. MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will be the chief guest. MAA Trust Chairman Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty, MAA Trust Secretary and Adichunchanagiri University (ACU)-Bellur VC Dr. M.A. Shekar, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh will be the guests of honour."

Pointing out that MMC&RI alumni are working throughout the country, he said that ten senior alumni and achievers will be felicitated at the MAA Utsav which also features various cultural events.

MAA Secretary Dr. P. Malegowda, who too spoke, said: 'The centenary celebration of MMC&RI is just two years from now. With the grants released by the Government for the celebrations, all the developmental works have been taken up at K.R. Hospital, MMC, Nursing College and Hostels apart from providing required medical equipment."

Save Chamundi Hill from developmental destruction

Chamundi Betta Ulisi Samithi to hold round table meeting with experts on Apr. 3

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&KS)- The *Chamundi Betta Samithi,* which is spearheading a campaign against the developmental destruction such as the proposed ropeway atop the Hill and railings to the steps from the foot of the Hill, will be holding a round table meeting with various experts to deliberate on the issue. The meeting with various experts will be held between 10 am and 2.30 pm at JSS Women's College auditorium in Saraswathipuram here on Apr. 3.

Parisara Balaga Founder-Member Parashuramegowda addressing the press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan this morning as** (from left) **Bhugathagalli Javarappa, Leela Shivakumar of Clean Mysuru, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, Parisara Balaga's Prabha Nandeesh and Venkateshiah look on.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan this morning, Parisara Balaga Founder-Member Parashuramegowda said that wildlife photographer and documentary maker Krupakar, Heritage expert Prof. N. Rangaraju, Geologist Prof. Janardhan, Environmentalist A. Shivaprakash Adavanne, Structural Engineer Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere and Water expert Prof. U.N. Ravikumar will be present and speak at the meeting.

Environmentalists Nagesh Hegde, Shashidhar Shetty and activist and writer Rupa Hassan will address the meeting virtually, Parashuramegowda said and added that various environmental activists, organisations and individuals will also be taking part in the meeting.

Continuing, he said that the proposed ropeway, railings to the steps projects and construction of buildings atop Chamundi Hill, to be taken up under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme, will no way help in the development but in fact would destroy the Hill and added that many experts have expressed shock over the proposed developmental projects.

"*Chamundi Betta Ulisi Samithi,* which held signature campaigns against the proposed projects, had collected over 50,000 signatures, which would be digitalised and sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai soon," Parashuramegowda said.

Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, who spoke, said that a few youths and organisations, who had welcomed the proposed projects are now opposing the same after they read various articles by experts in newspapers which said that the so called developmental works would indeed cause destruction of the Hill.

Speaking about landslips atop the Hill, Bhyrappa said that according to experts, the landslips occurred due to pressure atop the Hill as huge constructions have been taken up atop the Hill. Stating that Chamundi Hill should be protected and preserved for our future generations, Bhyrappa called upon Mysureans to oppose any developmental works that would harm Chamundi Hill.

Leela Shivakumar of Clean Mysuru, who too spoke, said: "We are only speaking about development without taking clean environment into consideration. The importance of oxygen came to be known only during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, where many died due to lack of oxygen. Hence it is the responsibility of every Mysurean to protect Chamundi Hill from getting destroyed."

Parisara Balaga Members Prabha Nandeesh, Venkateshiah and Bhugathagalli Javarappa were present.

General K.S. Thimayya remembered

The Management of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, celebrated the 116th birth anniversary of late General K.S. Thimayya at the Samaja premises in Vijayanagar this morning. Picture shows Mechanda M. Shashi Ponnappa, Samaja President; Malachira M. Ponnappa, Samaja Vice-President; Kuttimada D. Muthappa, President of Kodava Samaja Cultural and Sports Club and Machimada P. Nanaiah, Samaja Hon. Treasurer, offering floral tributes to the portrait of the late General. Ponjanda Lovely Appaiah, President of Shri Kaveri Kodagu Mahila Sangha, Appanderanda Tara Somaiah, Samaja Joint Secretary, Mukkatira B. Jeevan, Samaja Hon. Secretary and others were present.

MUDA's Rs. 129.76 cr. surplus budget

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Several landowners have expressed their willingness to hand over the land to MUDA and as an encouragement, Rs. 10 lakh per acre will be paid to the landowners, subject to repayment conditions.

R.T. Nagar Road to be extended

The budget proposes the extension of the 30-mts road that has been built in R.T. Nagar and to link it to Mooganahundi. As of now, the R.T. Nagar Layout reaches a dead end and there are not many takers to the roads here as the roads do not link with each other.

If the road is extended, an easy link can be provided to Mooganahundi, K. Salundi, Nanjarajaiahanahundi and Ramanahundi. Also, if the road is developed, all the private layouts around R.T. Nagar can get connectivity and there will be more demand for MUDA layouts, the budget said.

Group housing scheme

In the last two years, MUDA has recovered 77.01 acres of land that had been encroached upon by various private individuals and establishments. This was realised after the encroached land was identified and followed by stringent legal action.

Now the MUDA is planning to introduce group housing schemes on these lands that have been cleared of all encroachments. Rs. 5 crore has been set aside to provide road connections to the land and also build compound walls around the land so that there is no further encroachment.

Will it be Neo Metro, Metro Lite or Metro for Mysuru?

Mysuru is likely to become one of the Tier-2 cities in India to have a Metro Neo corridor, a rail-guided mass urban transport system with rubber-tyre electric coaches powered by an overhead traction system running on elevated or at-grade sections.

MUDA will undertake a feasibility study based on the population growth of Mysuru and number of vehicles. The feasibility study will keep in mind the population and vehicle growth for next 50 to 100 years, existing transport infrastructure and need to expand it. The study will take into account either Neo Metro or Metro Lite or Metro project depending on the travel needs and population requirements. MUDA has set aside Rs. 1 crore for the feasibility study.

In 2020, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had stated that Metro Lite and Metro Neo technologies will be deployed to provide metro rail systems in Tier-2 cities and peripheral areas of Tier-1 cities at much lesser costs with the same experience and safety of a Metro Rail.

Seven traditional welcome arches

Welcome arches will be constructed at various entry points to Mysuru city and Rs. 2 crore has been set aside to prepare a DPR. These welcome arches will be built on the lines of those that have been built in Rajasthan's Jaipur in a traditional manner.

These will be built in honour of the Mysore Wadiyars and opinions will be taken from the public and from the National Highways Authority of India, Public Works Department and the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

The welcome arches will come up on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, Mysuru-Hunsur Road, Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, Mysuru-T. Narasipura Road, Mysuru-H.D. Kote Road, Mysuru-Gaddige Road and Mysuru-Bannur Road.

Two go missing from city, Nanjangud

Raju

Mysuru/Nanjangud, Mar. 31 (KS) - In separate cases, two persons have gone missing from Mysuru and Nanjangud.

In the first case, a 34-year-old man, working in a Silver showroom, who left the showroom on Mar. 24 without informing anyone, has since gone missing.

The missing person is Raju, a resident of Vishwakarma Colony in Gayathripuram.

Those having any information about Raju, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107/307 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, a 38-year-old resident of Anandapura Layout in Nanjangud, who left his house on Jan. 26 at about 5 pm, has since gone missing.

The missing man is Mukesh Kumar, a native of Bihar. He is 5.5 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada, Hindi and Bihari languages and was wearing a white shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Mukesh Kumar may contact Nanjangud Town Police Station on Ph: 08221-228383 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Gold chain snatched

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (SBD&KS)- Miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a woman at Mahadeshwara Layout near Vijayanagar yesterday evening.

A resident of Mahadeshwara Layout, the lady was walking on the roadside when two miscreants, who came on a Bajaj Pulsar from front, yanked off the gold chain and sped away in a flash. Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab them.

Obituary

K.S. Umadevi

Mysuru, Mar. 31 - K.S. Umadevi (71), wife of M.S. Chandrashekar and a resident of SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son M.C. Ramesh, Corporator of MCC Ward No. 57, daughter M.C. Roopa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

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FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
16586	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	03.15	06.15	Mon, Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	05.00	07.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	05.30	07.55	Monday	Fully reserved
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06256	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Unreserved
16229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16023	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	08.10	11.00	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	09.05	13.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30	13.35	Friday	Fully reserved
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.25	16.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	16.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
16557	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.30	17.20	Daily	Unreserved
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.35	Daily	Partially unreserved
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.50	Daily	Fully reserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	20.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.35	21.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.00	22.10	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.55	Daily	Partially unreserved
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	20.10	22.50	Wednesday	Fully reserved
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	22.20	01.15	Daily	Unreserved
11065	Mysuru	Renigunta	22.55	01.30	Friday	Partially unreserved
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.00	Sunday	Fully reserved

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Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	01.10	03.45	Sunday	Fully reserved
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	01.50	04.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	02.05	05.15	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	04.00	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	04.30	07.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	05.25	08.00	Friday	Fully reserved
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	06.00	09.10	Daily	Fully reserved
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.00	08.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.15	10.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.30	10.45	Daily	Fully reserved
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.35	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.30	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	14.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
16024	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	13.00	16.15	Daily	Unreserved
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.15	15.55	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	15.35	18.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	17.15	20.00	Thursday	Fully reserved
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	19.50	22.50	Daily	Partially unreserved
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.00	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
16230	Varanasi	Mysuru	20.45	23.30	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved
11066	Renigunta	Mysuru	23.20	01.50	Saturday	Partially unreserved
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
07313 (Express)	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	07.45	10.55 (Hassan)	Daily	Unreserved
06225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	17.45	21.50	Daily	Unreserved
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	20.10 (Fri)	17.50 (Sun)	Friday	Fully reserved
17301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Partially unreserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	21.05	07.20	Daily	Partially unreserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07314 (Express)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	16.05 (Hassan)	19.40	Daily	Unreserved
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Partially unreserved
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	05.10 (Mon)	03.30 (Wed)	Monday	Fully reserved

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
07327	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	05.00	06.35	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Partially unreserved
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	09.15	10.55	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	19.00	20.45	Daily	Unreserved
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	07.15	08.50	Daily	Unreserved
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	21.30	23.10	Daily Passenger	Unreserved

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The Dark Man on a White Horse

Most Indians have heard about Somnath temple that was raided by Mahmud of Ghazni a thousand years ago. Very few know that in the same century, the Chola king from the South raided Odisha and Bengal and took back with him images of Shiva. Even fewer people know that in the 13th century, the Ganga kings of Odisha bravely fought the Muslim invaders of Bengal, and even established a "New Varanasi" in Cuttack, Odisha, since the "Old Varanasi" had been plundered.

Around this time, the giant temple of Purushottama was built, renamed the Jagannatha (Lord of the world) and the kings who built it declared themselves to be viceroy of this deity who was the true ruler of the land, the *rashtra-devata*. It was at this temple that Jayadeva composed his *Gita Govinda* that introduced Radha into Hinduism. There is some influence of Ramanuja's Sri Vaishnava Vedanta School on the temple, as indicated by the independent temple to Lakshmi within the complex. But it also has Tantric rituals that give it a very unique local flavour.

Odisha is located towards the Northern end of the Coromandel coast of India. The word 'Coromandel' comes from Chola Mandala, or the kingdom of the Cholas, who clearly dominated the coast and the region 'from Kalinga to Kanchi' for a long time. Odisha's wealth comes from the Mahanadi River basin. The Chola wealth came from the Kaveri (Cauvery) River basin and its control of the lucrative sea routes to Southeast Asia.

Between Southern Chola and the Northern Kalinga coast was the rich Godavari and Krishna deltas ruled by the Andhra kings. The kings of Odisha were traditionally known as the Gajapati, or the masters of the elephants. The Sultans of Delhi were called Ashwapati, or masters of the horses.

In the 16th Century, an Afghan army led by Kalapahada (black mountain) desecrated the Jagannath temple and burnt the images of the deity and plundered the vast treasury of the temple. But the kings of Khurda managed to restore the temple a few years later, and institute an innovative 'regeneration' ritual by which the deities in the temple could take 'rebirth' every few years, a practice that continues every few years till today, a reminder of the temple's resilience.

These kings who withstood the onslaught of the Islamic invasion, were often in conflict with its Southern neighbours. Tales of battles between the Kalinga king and Kanchi king are stuff of legend. As per one tale, the king of Kanchi refused to let his daughter marry the king of Kalinga because the latter wielded the broom as part of temple rituals. Enraged, the king of Kalinga launched an attack on Kanchi.

On the way he met a milkmaid who asked the king to pay her for the milk and butter she gave two youths, one dark on a white horse and one fair on a black horse. She showed the king the ring the youths had given her, as proof of her sale.

It was the ring of Jagannath, indicating the Lord blessed the king's attack on Kanchi. The Kalinga king won the war and the bride, who realised to be 'sweeper of Jagannath', was an act of humility of a king who was a servant of God, and God's kingdom.

Marking this victory is a Ganesha image brought from Kanchi installed in the Jagannath temple complex.

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Beat the summer heat !

Zoo animals get showers, coolers

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&BCT)- March is marching out and April is here with soaring temperatures. To beat the heat, humans dwell in their comfort zones with air conditioners to cool the environment, but animals aren't that lucky.

As times are changing, the authorities of Mysuru Zoo have also started giving showers to animals at least twice or thrice a day and even changed their diet. More than 1,000 animals at the Mysuru Zoo, including the primates -- orangutans, gorillas and chimpanzees, are staying cool literally, thanks to the steps taken by the Zoo management.

Thankfully, it has rained in the previous months and there is no shortage of water in the Zoo and enough arrangements have been made to store excess water, without wasting it. Another heartening factor is that thanks to the green cover and shady environs, the temperature inside the zoo is at least 2 to 3 degrees Celsius less compared to the city.

Sprinklers have been installed at individual cages and enclosures and animals playing with water is a sight to see inside the Zoo. Even the moated enclosures of all large animals are equipped with water sprinklers and jets. Sensitive and large animals are given showers daily and even the giraffe enclosures are fitted with sprinkler jets to keep them cool.

Ice cubes are being prepared and procured to be placed inside the enclosures of tigers and bears and inside the ponds. As abundant water is the main necessity for the animals and birds, Zoo officials keep them hydrated with electrolytes, glucose, ORS and calcium tablets to replenish body salts. All the ponds inside the vast campus are replenished with water whenever the earth absorbs the water and no waterbody is kept dry.

Besides the normal diet, fruits such as papaya, watermelon, and muskmelon, citrus fruits such as oranges and sweet lemons are fed along with bananas and grapes. These cooling arrangements help animals beat the heat and also ensure there is no change in behavioural pattern.

There are mud ponds for animals such as Indian gaur, elephants and rhinoceros and the roofs of animal holding rooms have been covered by reed grass soaked with water and also with water-soaked jute gunny bags to maintain the temperature. Chimpanzees and African apes are fed with tender coconut water and vitamin tablets to help them withstand summer heat.

Meerkat gives birth to 3 pups

A meerkat has given birth to three pups at the Mysuru Zoo. Meerkats or suricates are squirrel-size members of the mongoose family with bushy, brown-striped fur, a small, pointed face, and large eyes surrounded by dark patches.

The meerkat and its pups, along with the other members of the family, are attracting crowds and they usually hide in their enclosures or inside the tree barks with holes that are placed inside their enclosures.

Dead duck, fish found floating in Thippayyanakere

Environmentalists urge authorities to plug flow of sewage water into the lake

Mysuru, Mar. 31 (MTY&KS)- Thippayyanakere near Lalithadripura that was rejuvenated by the District Administration with the help of Corporates of the city using their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds a few years ago, is in a sad state now with gallons of sewage water flowing into the lake day in and day out.

Yesterday, an Indian spot-billed duck and a couple of fish were found dead and floating in the lake. This is a warning that a disaster to eco-system is to take place, if effective steps are not taken soon to stop sewage from entering the once clean lake.

Thippayyanakere, situated adjacent to Ring Road in Lalithadripura, was rejuvenated in 2018 by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru and District Administration under "Project Mysuru Water Positive by 2021."

The rejuvenation of the 10-acre lake which included prevention of sewage flow, de-silting, erecting of fences to give it a clear identity, removal of encroachments, clearing of closed Raja Kaluve, planting of ornamental saplings, gardens and laying of sitting and walking areas was funded by Automotive Axles Ltd. under its CSR initiatives.

The then AC of Mysuru C.L. Anand had cleared the encroachment of Raja Kaluve located between Police Layout and JSS Layout amid stiff opposition. Following which rain water flowed freely into the lake. The lake was filled with fresh water after years and varieties of bird species including migratory birds began to arrive to the lake. But now, gallons of sewage water is flowing into the lake from Police Layout, Giridarshini Layout, Alanahalli Layout and surrounding areas every day. Even sewage water overflowing from manholes is flowing directly into the lake emanating foul smell.

Apart from attracting migratory birds, the lake, which was attracting people for its clean environment, seems to be neglected by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Local authorities should wake up at least now and take steps to prevent sewage water from flowing into the lake which can save the lake from dying. Environmentalists have been urging the District Administration to set up a Sewage Water Treatment Unit and release treated water into the lake. But the District Administration is yet to take a call on it.

Environmentalist Shylajesh said that after the lake was rejuvenated, more than 60 varieties of birds had made this lake their home. Even migratory birds began visiting the lake to roost, he said and added that though the lake comes under Mysuru Zoo, it is the responsibility of MCC and MUDA to maintain it. Pointing out that houses have increased in the surrounding of the lake, he said that rapid flow of sewage water from houses into the lake has to be stopped immediately.

Environmentalists and residents living in the surroundings have urged the authorities concerned to set up a Sewage Water Treatment Plant near the lake and save the water body.

WORD OF THE DAY

Nascent

Pronunciation: NASS-unt.
Meaning: Nascent means "coming or having recently come into existence."
Origin: Nascent comes from nascens, the present participle of the Latin verb nasci, which means "to be born." It is related to words such as nation, native, nature, and innate.
Example: "Mr. Menon has co-founded multiple organizations and has invested in over 20 nascent startups in the previous year alone."

THE ODD WORD

Nacket

Snack; light lunch.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

New kid on the block

Meaning: When you say that someone is the 'New Kid on the Block' you mean that they are a new arrival to the area or to the social group.
Origin: The phrase 'new kid on the block' originated in the United States and was first seen in print in a "Skippy " cartoon by Percy Crosby: "The new kid on the block told me that the next time he saw you he was goin' to twist your nose."
Example: "Jeff's the new kid on the block; he doesn't know all the rules yet."

QUOTE BOX

My fear of endings too often blocks my hope of beginnings.

— Craig D. Lounsbrough

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Against all odds.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Female bird
4 Large bird
7 ____ a yarn : tell a long tale?
11 Lyric poem
12 Afternoon sleep?
13 Besides, in addition
14 Standing tall
17 Test of knowledge
18 Passion for travel
20 ___ out : brings forward for inspection, in a way?
22 Amount deducted from weight
23 A mixture of gases we breathe
24 Distributed in small proportions
27 Be quiet, slang usage? (4,2)
31 Make certain
33 Drug used to treat Parkinson's disease (1-4)
34 An enclosure
35 Moon as a prefix?
37 Fire residue
39 Uproar
42 Military cap
43 Caught or trapped
46 Press
47 Opp. of WNW
48 Frozen water
49 Chinese dynasty
50 American Helicopter Society
51 Activity on Node, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	S	I	C	■	M	A	Y	A	■	H	P	A
U	T	A	H	■	B	O	A	R	■	Y	O	B
R	A	G	E	■	A	P	P	L	E	P	I	E
A	G	O	N	Y	■	■	S	E	E	N	■	■
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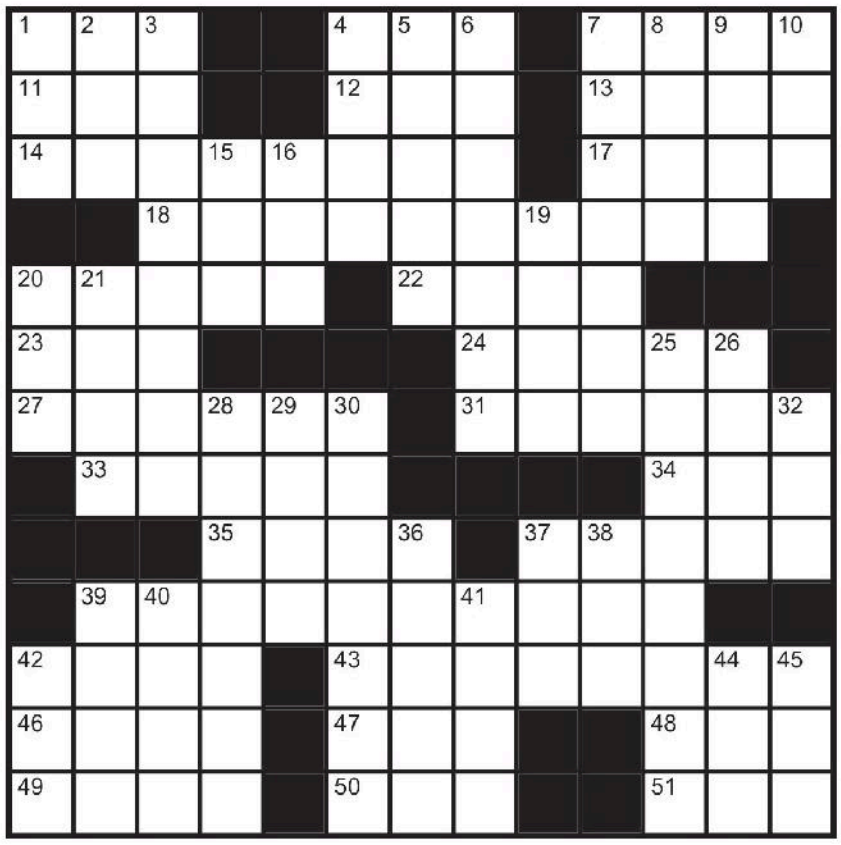
A	I	R	■	E	R	S	E	■	U	N	D	O
F	M	S	■	M	E	S	A	■	S	O	I	L

DOWN

1 Having a high temperature
2 Old name for Tokyo
3 Columbus's America? (3,5)
4 Author __ Blyton
5 "Meant" anagram for famous French painter?
6 Raise status
7 Follow-ups of stories or novels
8 In addition to
9 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
10 Eye glasses: Pince ___
15 Consume food
16 ICU caregivers
19 Author Hubbard (1,3)
20 The bill in a restaurant
21 Monetary unit of Cambodia
25 Feeling of well-being?
26 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram?
28 Ringing of bells
29 Sri Lankan bowler Chandana of recent past
30 Cure-all
32 Abstract being - "sen" anagram?
36 Humble or shame
37 Space bar neighbour on the PC keyboard
38 A former small coin in France
39 Queen of the Olympian gods
40 Atop or over
41 Copies slavishly?
42 Set of tools
44 Green prefix?
45 Private room or a lair?



SUDOKU

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5	9					4		
6				1				
8					3			9
		1	4		9	8		
4			5					2
				8				1
		3					8	5
		8			2			

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	3	2	7	1	8	6	4
2	6	4	9	3	8	7	1	5
7	1	8	4	6	5	2	3	9
4	2	1	8	9	7	3	5	6
6	7	5	1	2	3	4	9	8
3	8	9	5	4	6	1	7	2
9	3	2	6	1	4	5	8	7
1	5	6	7	8	2	9	4	3
8	4	7	3	5	9	6	2	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GPAGIP VLZP ADP FLGGT, DAO FAXEPE? Q CA DAO OFQDZ

EA. FAXEPE LBP VABP OA KP OBXEOPC OFLD GPAGIP.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When you give each other everything, it becomes an even trade. Each wins all.

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		6.35 pm, 10.00 pm
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	(S-4)	8.00 am, 11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
RRR (2D-H)	(S-3)	10.00 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-2)	9.45 am, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
James (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 3.55 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 7.00 pm

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	(S-2)	10.35 am, 2.20 pm,
		6.05 pm, 9.50 pm
RRR (H)	(S-1)	9.00 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-4)	2.10 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.30 pm
James (K)	(S-3)	9.30 am, 12.35 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.00 pm

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		6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	:	11.45 am, 3.10 pm
		6.35 pm, 10.00 pm
RRR (Raththam Ranam Ruudram) (K)	:	12.40 pm
RRR (Rise Roar Revolt) (E)	:	10.45 am, 2.25 pm, 9.45 pm
RRR (Roudram Ranam Rudhiram) (Te)	:	8.35 am, 9.00 am, 10.00 am
		11.00 am, 1.40 pm, 2.40 pm
		4.20 pm, 5.20 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm
RRR (3D- Te)	:	6.20 pm, 10.00 pm
RRR (Rise Roar Revolt) (3D-H)	:	6.05 pm

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RRR (Te)	:	8.00 am, 8.20 am, 10.00 am, 1:40 pm
		5.20 pm, 9.00 pm
RRR (K)	:	6.20 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	:	11.30 am, 2:55 pm, 10.00 pm
James (K)	:	12.00 noon, 3.10 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.30 pm

MYC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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		4.45 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-2)	6.45 pm
RRR (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
RRR (Te)	(S-3)	8.00 am, 11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-4)	3.00 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

93rd Ramotsava programmes

at Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira

Mysuru, Mar. 31- As part of 93rd annual Sri Ramotsava, the following programmes have been organised at Sri Rama Mandira in Krishnamurthypuram from April 2 to April 14:

April 2	**10 am**	- Abhishekas and panchanga shravana
	6 pm	- Cultural programmes.
April 3	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Sri Rama Bhajana Mandali
	6 pm	- Vasishta Gaana by Suvidati Pratishtana - Sangeetha Sambhrama by Sumanth Vasishta and troupe.
April 4	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Sri Vidya Ganapati Bhajana Mandali, Subramanyanagar, Hebbal
	6 pm	- Dasavani by Kavyashri and troupe.
April 5	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Matrushri Bhajana Mandali
	6 pm	- Dasavani by Vid. Malnad Murali, Bengaluru.
April 6	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Yoganarasimha Gaanashale
	6 pm	- Torave Narahari's *Torave Ramayana*'s 'Sundara Kanda' series programme by Vidwan Kru. Pa. Manjunath; Vyakyaana by Gamaki and Sangeetha Vidushi from Mumbai Vidu. Shamala Prakash.
April 7	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Ramakrishna Dhyana Kendra
	6 pm	- Torave Narahari's *Torave Ramayana*'s 'Sundara Kanda' series programme by Vidwan Kru. Pa. Manjunath; Vyakyaana by Gamaki and poetess from Mysuru Vidu. Vasantha Venkatesh.
April 8	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Siridevi Samskrutika Sangha;
	6 pm	- Torave Narahari's *Torave Ramayana*'s 'Sundara Kanda' series programme by Vidwan Kru. Pa. Manjunath; Vyakyaana by singer of *Zee Kannada* channel Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra.
April 9	**10 am**	- Bhajans by Bhagyamma and troupe
	6 pm	- Classical Music Concert (vocal) by Vidu. M.R. Sudha and troupe.
April 10	**10 am**	- Special Puja, Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Mahotsava. Sri Rama Sahasranama by Chaitanya Bhajana Mandali
	6 pm	- Veena recital by *Vainika Ratna* Vid. R.K. Padmanabha and troupe.
April 11	**9 am**	- Sri Sita Kalyanotsava under the guidance of Dr. M. Rajeev *(Vaikhaanasaagama Praveena)*
	6 pm	- Flute recital by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar and troupe.
April 12	**10 am**	- Sri Rama Taraka Homa by Veda Balaga President Veda Brahma Anantha Joshi and troupe
	6 pm	- Classical Music Recital by Vidu. Medha Vinod Shyam and troupe.
April 13	**9 am**	- Hanumantotsava;
	10 am	- Bhajans by Sri Narasimhakoti Kutumbakam, Mysuru and troupe
	11 am	- Bhajans by Sri Harivayu Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru
	6 pm	- Classical Music Concert (vocal) by Vid. Mysore N. Srinath and troupe.
April 14	**9 am**	- 'Harivayu Stuti Parayana' by Purnaprajna Harivayu Stuti Parayana Seva Samiti, Mysuru
	12 noon	- Vasantotsava
	6 pm	- Bharatanatyam by Vid. V. Prahalad Bhat, Nartana Shala Vijaya Murthy troupe
	8 pm	- Shayanotsava.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 31)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Special Handloom Exhibition — Samskruti-2022 — and Handicrafts Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Adhyatma Ramayana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 31)

Lucknow Super Giants Vs Chennai Super Kings

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Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 1)

Kolkata Knight Riders Vs Punjab Kings

KKR Vs **PBKS** — 7.30 pm
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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